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FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF EDITORIAL FROM NOVEMBER 30 BOSTON
HERALD AMERICAN ENTITLED "THE KEEP-KISSINGER IDEA":

BEGIN TEXT. CONNECTICUT'S SENATOR ABRAHAM RIBICOFF STARTLED
HIS COLLEAGUES THE OTHER DAY BY SUGGESTING THAT THE NEW
ADMINISTRATION KEEP SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER AS
A SPECIAL NEGOTIATOR ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE MIDDLE EAST.
THE KEEP-KISSINGER IDEA CAUSED AN EXTRA STIR BECAUSE IT DID
NOT COME FROM A LOYAL REPUBLICAN, BUT FROM A DEMOCRAT WITH
A WELL-KNOWN CONCERN FOR PAVING THE AVENUES OF PEACE BETWEEN
ARABS AND ISRAELIS.

WHAT WILL COME OF THE SUGGESTION IS ANYONE'S GUESS. IT
SOUNDS CRAZY TO THE GET-RID-OF-KISSINGER CLIQUE WHO VIEW
HIS DEPARTURE AS THE FIRST AND GREATEST GOOD TO COME FROM
THE VICTORY OF JIMMY CARTER.

BEFORE THE IDEA IS DISMISSED, HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE REMEM-
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BERED THAT MR. KISSINGER HAS BEEN UNIQUELY SUCCESSFUL IN

CALMING MIDDLE EASTERN TURBULENCES. HOWEVER TEMPORARY HIS ACHIEVEMENTS TURN OUT TO BE, THEY WERE MADE POSSIBLE BY HIS

ACQUAINTANCE WITH MIDDLE EASTERN LEADERS, AND THEIR CONFIDENCE IN HIM.

SECOND, AN INTERESTING PRECEDENT ARGUES FOR THE WISDOM OF RECRUITING A DIPLOMATIC ADVISER FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE POLITICAL STREET.

IN 1948 JOHN FOSTER DULLES PACKED HIS BAGS AND WAS TICKETED TO BE THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER PRESIDENT DEWEY, BUT SOMETHING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO FOGGY BOTTOM. WHEN HARRY TRUMAN BECAME PRESIDENT, HIS FOREIGN POLICY AIDES SAW A MEASURE OF BIPARTISANSHIP AS CRUCIAL TO THIS AREA OF HIS ADMINISTRATION.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN DID NOT EXACTLY RECRUIT MR. DULLES, WHO HAD UTTERED SOME RATHER HARSH WORDS ABOUT THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE DURING THE CAMPAIGN. BUT SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN ACHESON CONVINCED THE PRESIDENT OF THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING DULLES ON THE STATE DEPARTMENT TEAM, AND ACHESON WAS PROVEN RIGHT.

MR. DULLES ACCEPTED HIS APPOINTMENT WITH GOOD GRACE, WORKED HARMONIOUSLY WITH HIS DEMOCRATIC COLLEAGUES, AND AMONG OTHER THINGS PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN NEGOTIATING THE JAPANESE PEACE TREATY. IT IS A PRECEDENT WORTH CONSIDERING BY THOSE PONDERING THE PRACTICALITY OF SENATOR RIBICOFF'S SURPRISING SUGGESTION.

KISSINGER, LIKE DULLES, HAS ATTAINED AN ESPECIAL STATURE IN THE DIPLOMATIC WORLD. HIS NEGOTIATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST ARE MORE RESPONSIBLE THAN ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR THE FAVORABLE LIGHT IN WHICH HE IS HELD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST USUALLY LOOKS MORE LIKE A HOPE THAN A REALITY. AT THE MOMENT, HOWEVER, PROSPECTS ARE BETTER THAN THEY HAVE BEEN IN MONTHS. THEY WILL BECOME EVEN BRIGHTER IF EGYPT'S PRESIDENT SADAT CONTINUES TO LOOK UNCLASSIFIED

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TO WASHINGTON, RATHER THAN MOSCOW, FOR GUIDANCE HENRY KISSINGER COULD BE THE ONE PERSON MOST LIKELY TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM BY KEEPING THE EYES OF SADAT, WHO TRUSTS KISSINGER, TURNED TOWARD THE POTOMAC.

IF DEAN ACHESON AND JOHN FOSTER DULLES COULD WORK TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD OF THE COUNTRY AND WORLD PEACE, SO COULD MR. KISSINGER AND PRESIDENT CARTER'S SECRETARY OF STATE.

SENATOR RIBICOFF'S KEEP-KISSINGER IDEA HAS MERIT. END
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